

**REMARKS**Regarding the Claim Amendments presented in this reply:

The amendments to the claims add no new matter. Claims 1, 2, 8, 22 and 23 are canceled. Claim 10 has been amended so that it depends from new claim 25. Claim 25 has been amended so that it depends from new claim 25, and to put the claim in better form for allowance. Claim 24 has been amended so that it depends from new claim 25.

New claim 25 finds support in claim 1 as previously presented. The term “coating material” finds support in the Specification on page 27, at line 37. It should be noted that the coating can comprise more than one layer, in accordance with page 27 of the Specification.

New claim 26 finds support in claim 2 as previously presented.

New claim 27 finds support in claim 8 as previously presented.

New claims 28, 29, and 30 find support in claim 1 as previously presented and in the specification, as outlined below:

I. Page 2, lines 37 – 39:

Thus, surprisingly, when using acetylsalicylic acid as active ingredient component, activity-enhancing effects were observed upon soil application and combination with strobilurins.

II. Page 33, compounds used in the examples:

a. *Compounds 3 and 4 are strobilurins:*

Compound 3:

2-[2-(2-isopropoxy-2-(Z)-methoxyimino-1-methyl-(E)-ethylidene-aminooxymethyl)phenyl]-2-(E)-methoxyimino-N-methylacetamide

Compound 4:

(E)-2-methoxyimino-2-{2-[(2,5-dimethylphenyl)oxymethyl]phenyl}-N-methylacetamide

b. *Compounds 2 and 6 are azoles:*

Compound 2:

1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(2-(methoxymethoxycarbonylamino)benzyl)-imidazole

Compound 6: epoxiconazole

(2RS,3SR)-1-[3-(2-chlorophenyl)-2,3-epoxy-2-(4-fluorophenyl)-propyl]-1H-1,2,4-triazole

c. *Compound 7 is a salicylate:*

Compound 7: acetylsalicylic acid

III. Table 5 on pages 41 – 42 (reproduced below):

- a. Formulation 16 discloses the combination of compounds 3 (strobilurin) and 6 (azole), and
- b. Formulation 17 discloses the combination of compounds 3 (strobilurin), 6 (azole), and 7 (salicylate).

| Formulation | Carrier | Carrier diameter [mm] | Rate of active ingredient [g/ha] |                 |                 | Active ingredients [actual] |       |       | Amount |
|-------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
|             |         |                       | A11                              | A12             | A13             | A11 %                       | A12 % | A13 % |        |
| 1           | XAF     | 1.1                   | 375 g/ha Comp.1                  | 125 g/ha Comp.6 | –               | 1.96                        | 0.69  | –     | 19     |
| 2           | XAF     | 1.1                   | 375 g/ha Comp.1                  | 125 g/ha Comp.6 | –               | 1.97                        | 0.65  | –     | 19     |
| 3           | XAF     | 1.1                   | 375 g/ha Comp.1                  | 125 g/ha Comp.6 | –               | 2.09                        | 0.78  | –     | 17     |
| 4           | XAF     | 1.1                   | 375 g/ha Comp.1                  | 125 g/ha Comp.6 | –               | 1.97                        | 0.65  | –     | 19     |
| 5           | XBF     | 3.2                   | 250 g/ha Comp.2                  | –               | –               | 0.17                        | –     | –     | 150    |
| 6           | XBF     | 3.2                   | 250 g/ha Comp.3                  | –               | –               | 0.17                        | –     | –     | 146    |
| 7           | XBF     | 3.2                   | 250 g/ha Comp.3                  | –               | –               | 0.36                        | –     | –     | 69     |
| 8           | XBF     | 3.2                   | 250 g/ha Comp.4                  | –               | –               | 0.19                        | –     | –     | 135    |
| 9           | XBF     | 3.2                   | 250 g/ha Comp.4                  | –               | –               | 0.21                        | –     | –     | 117    |
| 10          | XBF     | 3.2                   | 30 g/ha Comp.5                   | –               | –               | 0.04                        | –     | –     | 122    |
| 11          | XBF     | 3.2                   | 30 g/ha Comp.5                   | –               | –               | 0.03                        | –     | –     | 167    |
| 12          | XBF     | 3.2                   | 250 g/ha Comp.3                  | –               | 30 g/ha Comp. 5 | 0.15                        | –     | 0.04  | 185    |
| 13          | XAF     | 1.3                   | –                                | 125 g/ha Comp.6 | –               | 0.00                        | 0.44  | –     | 43     |
| 14          | XAF     | 1.3                   | 30 g/ha Comp.5                   | –               | –               | 0.11                        | –     | –     | 47     |
| 15          | XKF     | 1.4                   | 30 g/ha Comp.5                   | 250 g/ha Comp.3 | –               | 0.14                        | 0.48  | –     | 44     |
| 16          | XKF     | 1.4                   | 250 g/ha Comp.3                  | 125 g/ha Comp.6 | –               | 0.62                        | 0.43  | –     | 42     |
| 17          | XKF     | 1.4                   | 250 g/ha Comp.3                  | 125 g/ha Comp.6 | 125 g/ha Comp.7 | 0.58                        | 0.36  | 0.30  | 48     |

  

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|-------------|---------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|------|------|--------|
|             |         |                       |                                  |                 |                |                             |      |      |        |
| 18          | XNF     | 0.9                   | 200 g/ha Comp.3                  | 125 g/ha Comp.6 | 30 g/ha Comp.5 | 1.85                        | 1.02 | 0.25 | 12     |
| 19          | XNF     | 0.9                   | 200 g/ha Comp.3                  | 125 g/ha Comp.6 | 30 g/ha Comp.5 | 1.35                        | 0.8  | 0.2  | 10     |

XAF Rasenflorantid®

XBF Nitrophos® NP 20/20

XKF Urea

XOF Limestone

XNF Sand

In Conclusion:

The present application is in condition for allowance. Applicants are thankful for the Examiner's diligent efforts to advance this application to allowance, and request favorable action in this matter. In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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